IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

WILLIE STOKES : CIVIL ACTION

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V.

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MARIROSA LAMAS, Superintendent, SCI Chester, OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT

ATTORNEY OF PHILADELPHIA

COUNTY and OFFICE OF THE

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE :

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA : NO. 20-2192

<u>ORDER</u>

NOW, this 30th day of December, 2021, upon consideration of petitioner's successive *habeas* petition (Doc. No. 2), the respondents' response, the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge Carol Sandra Moore Wells (Doc. No. 28), and respondents having no objection to the Report and Recommendation (Doc. No. 29), and after a thorough and independent review of the record, it is **ORDERED** that:

- The Report and Recommendation of Magistrate Judge Carol Sandra Moore
 Wells is APPROVED and ADOPTED.
- 2. The successive petition for writ of *habeas corpus* is **CONDITIONALLY GRANTED.**
- 3. Petitioner's conviction and sentence in *Commonwealth v. Stokes*, No. CP-51-CR-0606661-1984 (Phila. Cnty. C.C.P. Aug. 21, 1984) are **VACATED**.
- 4. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania may retry petitioner within 120 days of the date of this Order.
- 5. The time limit within which the Commonwealth may retry the petitioner may be extended by agreement of the parties or upon a showing of reasonable cause.

/s/ TIMOTHY J. SAVAGE J.